

The abdication of the FCC's responsibility as a watchdog for the public interest is an outrage. The consolidation of ownership of media outlets was never a good idea for representative democracy, but suits the needs of corporations and their attendant favorite form of government – fascism – quite well. It puts real weight in the old saw that the power of the press accrues to the person who owns one.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Free speech is a right that accrues to individual human beings. Sinclair's is a clear example of what happens when corporations are presumed to have this right. Do your duty and don't let this happen. At least not without satisfying an old requirement that never should have been eliminated in the first place: equal time for the opposition.

Best regards,  
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